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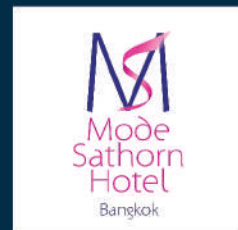
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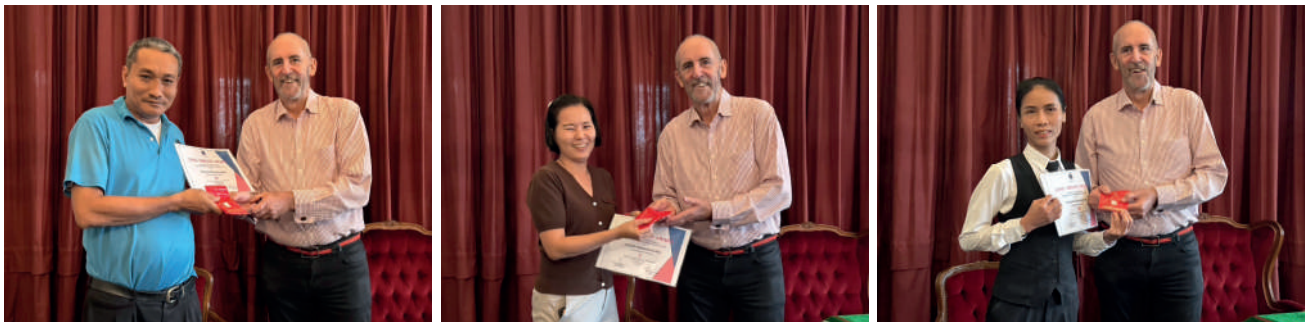
Chairman's Message

Wishing all British Club Members and staff a very Happy, Healthy and Enjoyable New Year being one that sees our wonderful club continue to make good progress as The Oasis in the heart of Bangkok.

The ancient Babylonians celebrated their New Year in mid March when crops were planted and they made promises to return any borrowed objects and repay any debts owed thereby being the forerunners of modern day New Year resolutions. No doubt there will be many members making New Year's resolutions all made with good intentions although how hard is it to keep them for an extended period of time?



Simon P. Davies



As usual, December was extremely busy with numerous events that kept the club buzzing throughout the month with many of them attracting record numbers of attendees. Whilst there will always be the odd grumble it was very encouraging to hear so much positive feedback and a special thank you to the staff who worked tirelessly to ensure that members and their guests were given great value and service. Please do spare a moment to give staff your personal words of appreciation.

Throughout last year there was much attention placed on House and Grounds, menu quality and service whilst at the same time not ignoring the importance of balancing operating costs and revenue. Suffice to say that there have been positive improvements in the prementioned areas that also included final payments made to settle Member loans and THB 7 Million accrued for the swimming pool fund. For the third year in a row the core F&B menus were maintained without any price increases, despite inflationary rises

from vendors, resulting in continued good value for members.

On the subject of service it has been most rewarding to see our student intakes from The Mae Sot Foundation settling in well and putting into practice their hospitality training as they spend time in the different outlets as part of their orientation programmes. Seeing the new generation of staff going about their daily tasks with much enthusiasm certainly bodes well for the future and hopefully they will all enjoy a long and rewarding employment with the club.

The Club's Annual General Meeting will take place on the 18th March, 2025 and I am looking forward to seeing a good selection of candidates standing for election to serve on the new General Committee.

Once again a Happy New Year to everyone.

**Cheers
Simon**



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GM's Bulletin



Tim Vongswang

Club life – a little more behind the scenes:

As we enter our new financial year, it is again time to reflect on our team's key performance indicators and staff evaluations which are effective tools in connecting directly, supervisors with their team members. They help identify goals, address working issues and foster a positive and productive work environment. At the club we value the feedback from both our staff and members in order to continuously improve our services.

When this article gets published, the holiday season will just about be over, so I do hope that you all had a wonderful time, however if you are still in the mood to celebrate or just want to give yourself a little treat, the Churchill Bar offers a great selection of cigars, you can unwind in the tranquil back gardens with perhaps a tipples of one of our whisky offerings.

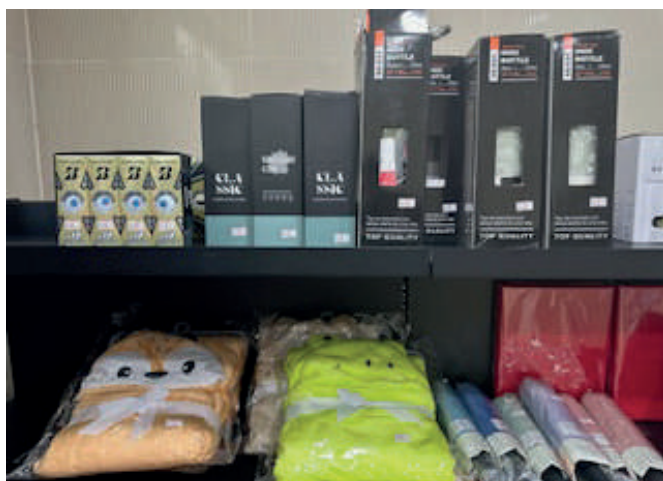
This month, I would like to shine a spotlight on three remarkable individuals who have been integral to the success of the British Club for some time now. We certainly appreciate the dedication of Khun Prasarn from the storeroom who has been looking after the clubs' stocks for 30 years. You may not recognize him however he also often helps when we have a club event as he is also a whizz behind the bar. We also celebrate Khun Nootjaree's 20 years of service to the club, many of you will know her from the Churchill Bar whose hard work and often long hours does not go unnoticed. Last, but not least, Khun Chalida who has been working diligently in the Finance Department for the past 5 years ensuring that all our numbers are correct. I am extremely pleased that the General Committee and Management has recognized these 3 outstanding individuals with a long servicer award with the club's traditional gift of gold.

Though out the year, we have invested in various training programs to enhance the skillset of our staff. From

food hygiene to leadership skills, finance management to fire safety, we strive to empower our teams with the knowledge and tools necessary to deliver exceptional service to our members.

Looking ahead to January, mark your calendars for our Chinese New Year event at the club and the kickoff of the Six Nations rugby season. Join us in celebrating these and other exciting events, be part of the vibrant community that makes our club special.

Lastly, I am thrilled to announce the re-opening of our Brit Shop located next to the sports reception. Explore the new range of light weight souvenirs which is perfect for gifting to your loved ones or as a personal memento from your time at the British Club. As we bid farewell to 2024, I look forward a promising year ahead and can't wait to create more memorable experiences with you in the coming year.





Tee Bale

Operations Unknown



Exciting New Membership Partner the Anantara & Avani + Wellness Spa

It was a pleasure to catch up with Michael Robinson General Manager for Anantara Riverside Bangkok Resort at the recent New Zealand Chamber of Commerce AGM hosted at the residence of H.E. Jonathan Kings Ambassador to Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia. Michael updated me about his new Wellness Spa project that was due to launch at the hotel, and after going over the new facilities and treatments we felt this could be a potential partner for our Club members to enjoy.





We arranged a site visit to meet the Wellness sales manager Khun Pak and on arrival she kindly toured us around the new facilities and explained the treatments before being introduced to the Doctors and directors.

I asked her to introduce the Wellness Spa to our members, “Khun Pak said, At Anantara Wellness, we believe that wellness is a journey not just a destination. Situated in an urban setting by the calm waters of the Chao Phraya River our approach is rooted in holistic lifestyle enhancement. With a focus on preventative care we bring together cutting-edge technology and timeless traditional healing practices to create transformative experiences. Our highly skilled team of wellness doctors and practitioners work closely with each guest to tailor programs that nurture overall well-being and promote longevity in the modern world.

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Membership Benefits:

- Purchase any membership program and receive:
 - One additional month validity
 - Complimentary one-month membership freeze option

Treatment Benefits:

- 15% discount on all treatments (excluding medical checkup programs)
- Purchase any treatment and Enjoy complimentary pool access on the day of your treatment at Anantara Wellness.
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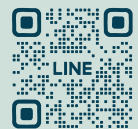
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- When purchase any Anantara Wellness membership program, member of the British club receives:
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- Treatment Benefits:
 - 15% discount on all treatments (excluding medical checkup programs)
 - Complimentary pool access on the treatment day
- Icoone Face and Body Remodeling Treatments:
 - Special bonus of One target area (face or body) with any Icoone treatment purchase

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- All above offers are available from 1 January - 31 December 2025
- This promotion can be used only at Anantara Riverside Bangkok Hotel (Charoennakorn Road)
- All services must be booked in advance.
- Guest must be minimum 16 years old to access wellness facility, gym and pool.
- Children between 4-12 years old are welcome to use the Kid's Club, complimentary, during guest treatments.

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THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY

Happy new year! Hope you had a wonderful time during Christmas. Let's start a new year with good news story.

The British Embassy Bangkok collaborates with CPALL and Tourist Police Tourist Police Bureau to increase awareness on motorcycle safety among tourists in Thailand. Posters will be displayed at 155 branches of 7-eleven in 18 tourist hotspot provinces.

Joanne Fynamore-Crokin, HM Consul at the British Embassy Bangkok said, "The safety of British tourists is one of the top priorities for the Embassy. This collaboration with the Tourist Police and 7-Eleven will greatly help raise awareness about motorcycle rental and riding safety among British tourists, especially in popular destinations that attract a large number of British visitors."

"According to statistics from 2023, over 870,000 British tourists visited Thailand, reflecting the popularity of Thailand as a top destination for British travelers. The success of this project will be a crucial factor in attracting the return of British tourists and making them feel safe while traveling in Thailand. This will have a positive long-term impact on the Thai tourism economy," HM Consul concluded.

This collaborative project to enhance motorcycle safety for British tourists highlights the British Embassy's commitment to work with both public and private sector in Thailand. Our cooperation in British tourists will help increase confidence of British tourists in traveling to Thailand.



Joanne Fynamore-Crokin
HM Consul, British Embassy, Thailand

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EXCLUSIVE EVENT



Join us for this presentation and social gathering evening event, hosted by **Martin Wright, Senior Financial Planner at the Progeny Group (SG) who will be joined by special guests, Jonathan Stuart-Smith, Tax Partner, Mazars Thailand and Max White, Director at Schrodgers Wealth Management Asia.**

This event will focus on key topics including:

- ◆ October's UK Budget and what this means for the UK tax landscape.
- ◆ Investment market update and outlook – Schrodgers WM Asia
- ◆ An important update on the January 2024 Thai Tax changes – Mazars

What you can expect to learn from this event:

- ◆ How the UK tax system will alter following October's UK Budget and what this may mean for Brit's overseas
- ◆ What is happening in the investment markets at present and how 2025 may develop given the political landscape and economics
- ◆ An update on the 1st January 2024 Tax legislation change and March reporting, and any news on the future of "Worldwide Income" Taxation

This presentation will include a Q&A session and an opportunity to chat informally with our guest speakers over a complimentary British Club dinner and drinks.

EVENT DETAILS



Thursday 16th January 2025



6.30pm – 8.30pm



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Retirement Planning and UK Pension Income in Thailand

By Martin Wright
Progeny Group

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Brits retiring overseas may have acquired UK pension rights and perhaps some local pension value. This is complicated and confusing for those in Thailand, with a further layer of complexity added with the change to Thailand tax on foreign remitted value as from 1 January 2024.

Thailand Provident funds (for local employees)

The Thailand Provident fund is an investment related long-term savings arrangement voluntarily established by employers and employees (normally consisting of contributions from both parties). For an employee there are local tax benefits for monthly contributions, and on retirement/termination of the arrangement particularly after five years of service.

UK State Pension

The current maximum new State Pension is £221.20 pw (£11,502.40 pa), and the Basic State Pension for pre-April 2016 retirees is £169.50 pw (£8,814.40 pa). You pay UK Income Tax if your total taxable UK income exceeds the current UK Personal Allowance (£12,570). With no Social Security agreement between the UK and Thailand UK State Pensions remain level for Thailand residents.

UK Company Pension Schemes and Personal Pension Plans

UK pension income is normally liable to UK Income Tax and your actual tax liability will be based on self-assessment tax returns and UK tax rates and allowances.

Double Taxation Agreements

Double Taxation Agreements (DTAs) between the UK and other countries can mean gross pension income at source to be taxed locally instead. The UK/Thailand Double Taxation Treaty (DTT) only covers UK Government (Civil Service) Pensions, which can only be taxed in Thailand if the pensioner is a local national and resident.

Currency Position

For long-term retirees in Thailand a weakened Pound against THB is an issue. The downward trend started as far back as 2004 with lows in exchange rates in the 37's in August 2019. The current position (at the date of writing) is 46.80, which is the highest point since mid-2016. This affects Thailand residents with GBP income streams (whether pension income or non-pension asset income).

Thailand Tax Credits and Reporting

For those bringing overseas value into the country there will be some credit for tax paid elsewhere. There is uncertainty on how this credit will be reported, as well as the main reporting requirements themselves, and even if the system will develop further and become more onerous. However, this will evolve and hopefully become clearer this year. These are complicated matters, and it is essential you seek professional advice from the right companies with the relevant International and UK experience.

Martin Wright
Senior Financial Planner

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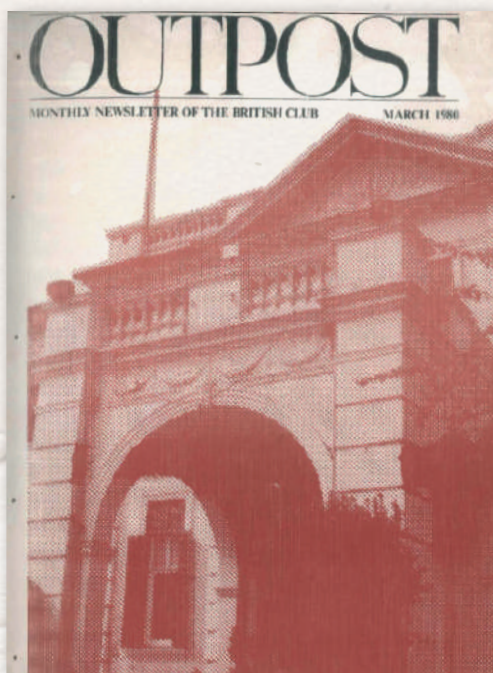
We continue the story of the British Club Bangkok ... 1980

“Outpost!!”

The most notable achievement of this year was the launch, in March, of our new newsletter entitled ‘Outpost’ under the direction of General Committee member John S. Walker. This was printed ‘in-house’ with a small off-set printing machine the Club purchased and housed in a ‘hut’ just outside the side doors of the clubhouse (where the fire escape is now).

It had a hard, two-tone cover, and inside were a series of pages of news, advance information, and advertisements from a number of sponsors. Most copies are available to view on the Club’s website.

It was well received, especially by the wife of one member who took serious umbrage with the previously mentioned Ladies Advisory Liaison Group (see *Past Participle, November 2024*) and wrote pages and pages in Outpost condemning it.



▲ The first Outpost

Staff Matters!

For the past year, the General Committee had been dogged with complaints about the poor quality and delivery of food from both kitchens. Management investigation revealed that the longer serving staff members were ignoring the advice and instructions from our relatively new Executive Chef Khun Pongsak (see *Past Participle, December 2024*).

A bold step was thus taken to dismiss all six of the kitchen staff on 30th June and replace them all! We were taken to Labour Court over non-payment of a disputed final one month’s salary – the Court subsequently awarded this to five of the six, as the sixth staff member was on ‘her last warning’. All cases were deemed closed.

Our growing staff numbers created more disciplinary matters during the second part of the year with one Barman dismissed for falsifying chits and two gardeners given final warnings for suspected theft. The General Committee thus appointed an Assistant Manager, Khun Adisak Asavakovit, previously of the International Social & Recreation Club in Soi Asoke, to help supervise our growing number of staff.

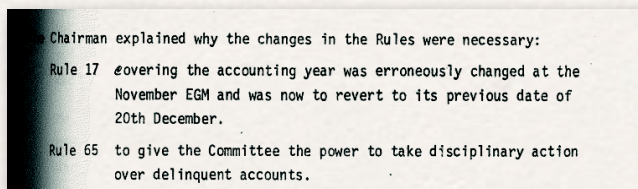
ii) The new Assistant Manager was introduced to the Committee and will start work on Monday 1st Sept., terms as per draft contract letter already submitted to the Committee.
References etc. to be obtained.

▲ Assistant Manager

An EGM!

In the March, an Extraordinary General Meeting was called for a wide number of issues:

- To correct an error made at the EGM held on 28.11.1979 whereby the Financial Year End was moved to 20th January. It transpired that the auditors wanted it to remain on 20th December with the AGM moved back one month to allow an extra month for audit: this was carried by 27 votes to 18.
- To increase entrance fees & monthly subscriptions: this was carried unanimously.
- To create a monthly subscription of 50 Baht for each child of a member over 15 and under 21 years of age. Children aged over 21, wishing to use the Club facilities, shall apply for Membership in their own right and pay the appropriate deposit and subscriptions but no entrance fee: this was carried unanimously.
- To give the General Committee authority to discipline members who do not pay their accounts: this was carried unanimously.



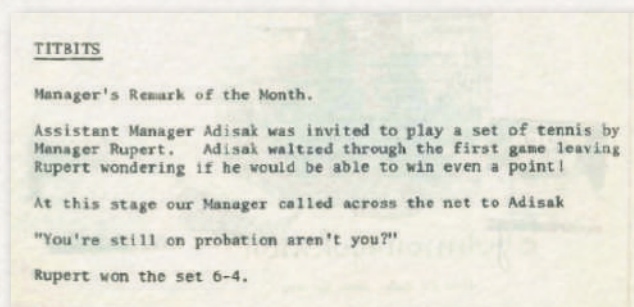
▲ *The EGM!*

Our sporting year

In the April, four World-Class Squash players from Pakistan – Qamar Zaman, Mohibullah Khan, Maqsood Ahmed and Gogi Alauddin – played a series of exhibition matches at the Club.

In June, the first Ladies Squash Tournament was held, and the tournament won by Mrs. Colleen Parry. The cup was recorded as the “Okkeriwi Cup”. In addition, the first-round losers played for the “Len Alexander Plate”.

In an interesting tale in ‘Outpost’, Khun Adisak, our new Assistant Manager, was playing the General Manager at tennis and won the first game without the General Manager getting a point – a call was then heard across the net of “You’re still on probation, aren’t you?” and the General Manager won the set 6-4!



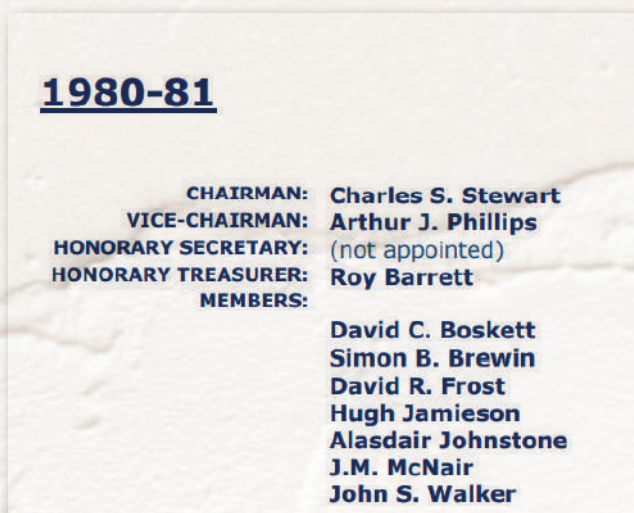
▲ *You're still on probation, aren't you?*

Service

Mr. Charles S. Stewart was elected as Chairman {see *Past Participle, August 2024*} with Mr. Arthur J. Phillips being elected as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Phillips would go on to serve the Committee three more times, including a term as Chairman. Mr. Roy Barrett served as Honorary Treasurer, in the third of seven terms of service {see *Past Participle, October 2024*}.

Completing his service was Mr. David Boskett on his second term, and serving the first of each of their two terms of service were Mr. Simon Brewin, Mr. David Frost, Mr. Hugh Jamieson, and Mr. John Walker.

Serving this single term only were Mr. Alasdair Johnstone (but see below) and Mr. J.M. McNair. The General Committee agreed that for the period of the Club Manager being on leave for four weeks, that the role of “Honorary Secretary” would be reactivated for the purpose of minutes and correspondence thus Mr. Alasdair Johnstone took the role.

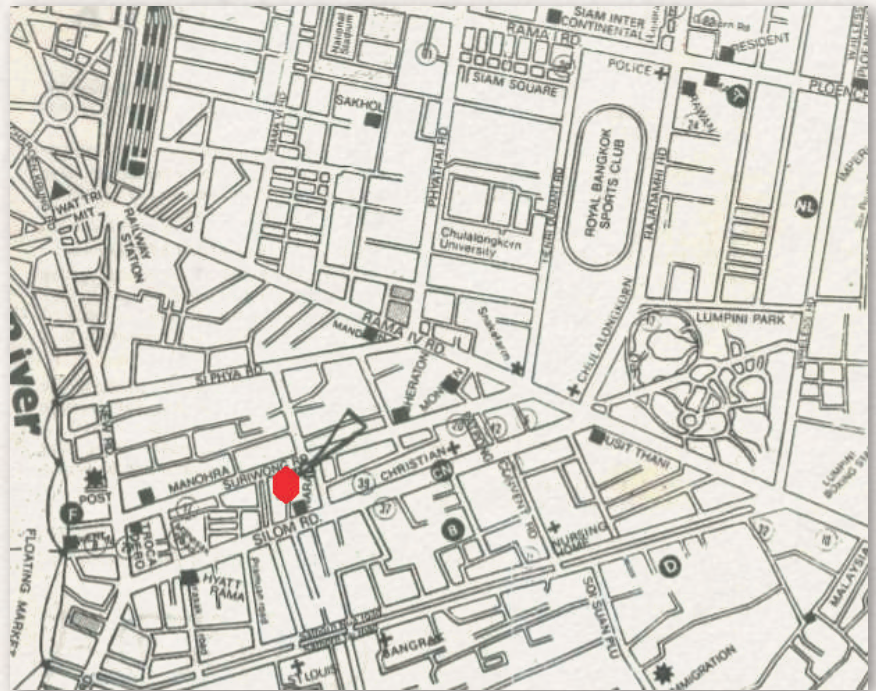


▲ *General Committee 1980-81*

Where are we?

The Outpost brought with it a new map of downtown Bangkok so members could get their bearings ... members should note ...

- No Expressways (still seven more years to wait!)
- No Belgium Bridge at the end of Sathorn
- Of course, no Thai-Japanese Friendship Bridge on Rama IV.
- No 'Narathiwat - Ratchanakarin Road' and ... for some reason ... no Khlong Chong Nonsi!



▲ Bangkok 1980

In Other News

Col J.M. Greenwood came the British Army & Military Attaché and joined the Club in the April.

The Bangrak Khet started its slow, demolition of shophouses in the District, allowing the opening many new office blocks: Yada Building on Silom Road; the ICP Building and Wang Lee Building on Suriwongse Road amongst the first in 1980.

In the June, the Louis T. Leonowens company celebrated their 75th anniversary by burying a time capsule monument at the Oriental Hotel – the Club, as requested, provided a copy of our Annual Report and Outpost and greetings and pictures from the General Committee. The Capsule was sealed under the miniature of the Giant Swing in front of the Authors'

Wing by guest of honour Colonel Dr. Thanat Khoman, deputy prime minister ... one Club committee member present offered to buy drinks for those present when it is due to opened on 5th June 2055!

In the December, The Society of Professional Engineers in Thailand (SPET), formed in August 1978, had their annual dinner at the Club.

Time Capsule

The Club contributed articles to the Louis T. Leonowens' time capsule which was buried with great ceremony at the Oriental Hotel on 5th June. The Annual Report, June "Outpost" and other bits and bats will be there in 2055 when the capsule is due to be raised and opened. David Frost has promised to buy any present member a beer at the opening ceremony!

▲ Time Capsule

Next month ... "The Silom Sala"

Paul Cheesman
Honorary Secretary

For Members interested in our Club's history, the timeline "120 Years in the Making" can be found on the Website under 'The Club – History'.

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Capital Club Dubai

Visited in April 2024 by Paul Doust



The [Capital Club in Dubai](#) is situated in the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC), about 2km north of the famous Burj Khalifa skyscraper. The club occupies most of building 3, which is a five storey building in the DIFC's Gate Village area. The club is only 15 years old and very much focussed on business, advertising itself as "Dubai's premier private business club". The club has around 1500 members.

The club has lots of food outlets and meeting rooms, and a lovely members' bar on the 5th floor which has a terrace with a view of the Burj Khalifa. There's some accommodation, namely two bedroom suites, and there's also a gym although it's not available to reciprocal members. Corporate rates at local hotels are available via the club too. The dress code throughout the club is smart casual.



Last April I flew Emirates from London to Bangkok via Dubai. Rather than taking a quick connecting flight, I decided to spend a day in Dubai so I included a trip to the Capital Club in my itinerary. The entrance to the club is at podium level of the Gate Village, and when I walked in to the reception, the receptionist was expecting me and asked me to register.

I arrived in the club around 10am, and at that time of day the club was quiet. Although reciprocal members can't use the gym, I was allowed to freshen up in the men's changing room following my overnight flight. It was only after I'd stripped off and taken a shower that I saw a polite notice on the wall saying "No nudity ... please remain modestly dressed at all times"! With few members in the club at that time of day, the membership relations manager Naneth Young was kind enough to give me a brief tour of the club. In return, I offered her some thoughts about other reciprocal clubs that her club might try to add.

Throughout the day, the club gradually became busier and busier. In addition to all the meeting rooms, all the food outlets as well as the bar can be booked for events. On the day I visited, it turned out that even

the main restaurant and the main café were going to be used for events, which meant that the lounge where one is normally allowed to use a laptop would be a small restaurant instead.

I needed to use my laptop so I ended up sitting in a room called the shisha tent where the tables were slightly lower than I would have preferred. Luckily no one was smoking or using a shisha while I was there. One advantage of that room was that I was able to take a brief nap on one of the comfortable sofas, because I was feeling tired after my overnight flight. I was also able to order lunch from there, and the food was excellent and good value too. Small groups of people would come into the room to discuss business, work on their laptops together, and whenever I left the shisha tent I saw a lot of other small groups of people discussing business or working on laptops. So without doubt the club is very business oriented.

Overall, I thought the club was very comfortable, and everyone who I spoke to made me feel welcome. It's an ideal venue for business meetings, but it's also a lovely calm place to unwind or have a meal. I'm very glad that this club is on our reciprocal club list.

Coming Events

January 2025

(more details on the website)

- Polar Swim
- Madagascar Pool Party
- Quiz Night
- Winston Cup
- Table Tennis Tournament
- Burns Night
- Chinese New Year
- An Intimate Wine Night

February 2025

(more details on the website)

- Winston Cup
- The Great Fun Sunday
- Super Bowl
- Quiz Night
- Valentines Day
- Rugby 10s
- Breast Cancer Pink Ladies
- Table Tennis Tournament
- Wine on the Lawn

March 2025

(more details on the website)

- Pancake Races
- Shrove Tuesday
- Great British Festival
- Quiz Night
- An Intimate Wine Night
- St Patricks Day
- AGM
- Winston Cup
- Table Tennis Tournament
- Wine on the Lawn
- UK Mother's Day

Event & Activities 2024 December Highlights



An Intimate Wine Night



Madagascar Pool Party



Chinese New Year



Xmas Wine on the Lawn

30/11/24

The annual Christmas wine on the lawn was a delightful evening showcasing 5 suppliers live angel band, raffle draw and attended by over 100 members all enjoying the wholesale prices on the quality wines being offered.



December 20



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Christmas Carols

03/11/24

Thank you to Shrewsbury, KIS, Harrow, and Bromsgrove schools for making the 2024 carol night a huge success, once again over 400 people made the atmosphere a festive fun time.





Table Tennis Tournament 07/12/24

The standard and mix of players just gets better and better every month. Well done to all that took part. Congratulations to Arnaud for becoming the new champion.





The Winston Cup BCB Monthly Pool Competition 07/12/24

The 8th Winston Cup was a tight affair last month, with Talau and Tee ending up in the final which didn't disappoint, Tee finally won the close match to take his 3rd Winston Cup title.





Kids Christmas Party

07/12/24

Fully booked as always, the kids enjoyed their festive games, the legendary tug of war and our surprise visit from Santa giving all the little ones their first Christmas presents



The Winston Cup BCB Monthly Pool Competition

Saturday 18th Jan - Starts 6:00pm

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Thai Father's Day Sunday Brunch
08/12/24

Veranda put on a festive Thai father's day buffet featuring additional live Thai cooking stations together with the usual delicious spread. Families were given a special framed picture of the day to take home.





BIRTHDAY CAKES

(Minimum 2 pound order)

Decoration Theme:

Superhero	Princess	Football
Love	Fruit	Melting

CAKE TYPES:

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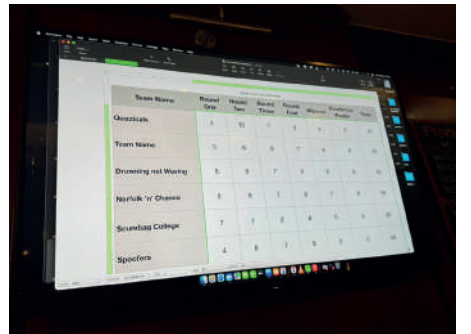


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Christmas Quiz Night 10/12/24

The teams battled it out on the final quiz night of 2024, congratulations to "team name" for being a new team and winning on their first attempt, 2nd place went to Quizzicals, we look forward to seeing you all in the first 2025 Quiz Night in January.





HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR 2025

Sunday 26th January

Chinese Dim Sum Buffet
Veranda 11:00-4:00pm
750฿ adults 350฿ kids

Dragon & Lion Show
3:00 PM on the Front Lawn

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MEMBERS & GUESTS**



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BC Bee Kid's Club!

Welcome Back to BC Bee Kid Activities! Happy New Year, everyone! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year break, and we are so excited to kick off the new year with lots of fun activities for the kids!



Metawee (Natt)



The first week of the month, we have some cool and exciting events planned. First up, we'll be doing Polar Swim! The kids will get to put ice logs into the swimming pool, creating a super fun, chilly experience! And to make it even more special, Khun Rit and his team will dress up as little penguins to entertain everyone. It's going to be so fun, along with the weekend activities related!



On Thai Children's National Day, which falls on Saturday, January 11th, we're going to celebrate with a Madagascar Pool Party! If your kids like to "Move it, Move it" and swim so this is the event for them! We'll be dancing, playing, and having a blast in the main pool in the afternoon.



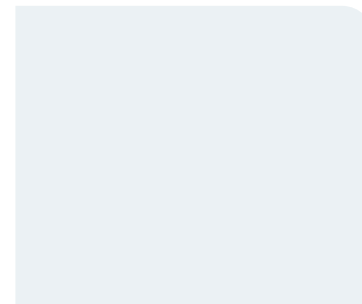
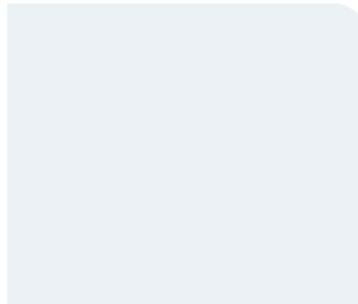
Finally, to wrap up the month, we'll be celebrating the Chinese New Year on Sunday, January 26th. Get ready for the exciting Dragon and Lion Dance! We'll make fun dragon puppets and more.

We can't wait to see all the kids join in these fun activities this month!

MON

TUE

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1

Polar Swim 2025
 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Squash Mix-in
 5.15pm - 7.30pm
Balut
 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Circuit Training
 6.00pm - 6.45pm
Tennis mixed-In
 6.00pm - 10.00pm



6

Squash Mix-in
 5.15pm - 7.30pm

7

Football
 7.00pm - 9.00pm

8

Squash Mix-in
 5.15pm - 7.30pm
Balut
 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Circuit Training
 6.00pm - 6.45pm
Tennis mixed-In
 6.00pm - 10.00pm



13

Squash Mix-in
 5.15pm - 7.30pm

14

Football
 7.00pm - 9.00pm
Quiz Night
 7.15pm - 9.30pm

15

Squash Mix-in
 5.15pm - 7.30pm
Balut
 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Circuit Training
 6.00pm - 6.45pm
Tennis mixed-In
 6.00pm - 10.00pm



20

Squash Mix-in
 5.15pm - 7.30pm

21

Football
 7.00pm - 9.00pm

22

Squash Mix-in
 5.15pm - 7.30pm
Balut
 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Circuit Training
 6.00pm - 6.45pm
Tennis mixed-In
 6.00pm - 10.00pm



27

Squash Mix-in
 5.15pm - 7.30pm

28

Football
 7.00pm - 9.00pm

29

Squash Mix-in
 5.15pm - 7.30pm
Balut
 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Circuit Training
 6.00pm - 6.45pm
Tennis mixed-In
 6.00pm - 10.00pm

JANUARY 2025

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2

Yoga
6.00pm - 7.00pm
Cricket team practice
6.30pm - 8.00pm

3

Tennis mixed-in
8.00am - 11.00am
Friday Junior Cricket
5.30pm - 7.00pm
Tennis mixed-in
6.00pm - 10.00pm

4

Squash Mixed-in
12.45pm - 4.30pm
Cricket Team Practice
2.30pm - 6.00pm

5

Tennis Men Doubles Team practice
10.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday Brunch
11.00am - 4.00pm
Tennis Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.00pm

9

Yoga
6.00pm - 7.00pm
Cricket team practice
6.30pm - 8.00pm

10

Tennis mixed-in
8.00am - 11.00am
Friday Junior Cricket
5.30pm - 7.00pm
Tennis mixed-in
6.00pm - 10.00pm

11

Squash Mixed-in
12.45pm - 4.30pm
Madagascar Pool Party
1.00pm - 4.00pm
Cricket Team Practice
2.30pm - 6.00pm

12

Tennis Men Doubles Team practice
10.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday Brunch
11.00am - 4.00pm
Tennis Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.00pm

16

Yoga
6.00pm - 7.00pm
Cricket team practice
6.30pm - 8.00pm

17

Tennis mixed-in
8.00am - 11.00am
Friday Junior Tennis
4.00pm - 5.00pm
Friday Junior Cricket
5.30pm - 7.00pm
Tennis mixed-in
6.00pm - 10.00pm

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Squash Mixed-in
12.45pm - 4.30pm
Cricket Team Practice
2.30pm - 6.00pm
Table Tennis Tournament
12.30pm - 5.00pm
Winston Cup
6.00pm - 9.00pm

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Tennis Men Doubles Team practice
10.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday Brunch
11.00am - 4.00pm
Tennis Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.00pm

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Yoga
6.00pm - 7.00pm
Cricket team practice
6.30pm - 8.00pm

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Tennis mixed-in
8.00am - 11.00am
Friday Junior Tennis
4.00pm - 5.00pm
Friday Junior Cricket
5.30pm - 7.00pm
Tennis mixed-in
6.00pm - 10.00pm

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Squash Mixed-in
12.45pm - 4.30pm
Cricket Team Practice
2.30pm - 6.00pm

26

Tennis Men Doubles Team practice
10.00am - 1.00pm
Chinese New Year Sunday Brunch
11.00am - 4.00pm
Tennis Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.00pm

30

Yoga
6.00pm - 7.00pm
Cricket team practice
6.30pm - 8.00pm

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Tennis mixed-in
8.00am - 11.00am
Friday Junior Tennis
4.00pm - 5.00pm
Friday Junior Cricket
5.30pm - 7.00pm
Tennis mixed-in
6.00pm - 10.00pm
An Intimate Wine Night
7.00pm - 9.00pm



Terry Adams



BRITISH CLUB
ACTIVE LIVING SECTION

Active Living Section

SECTION UPDATE:

With GC approval we have changed our Section name to the ACTIVE LIVING SECTION! This is to shift perception from an age-based categorization including the stigma associated with the word “Senior”, to a modern, more inclusive, inspirational, and lifestyle focused approach that eliminates stereotypes, and allows us to appeal to a far broader audience at the Club. The Section’s objectives are unchanged: to engender continuous learning, mild and fun activity, and most certainly good socializing amongst our Section Members and the wider Club community.

Active Living Section Membership is open to ALL Club Members and their Spouses/Partners. Come along to your first Active Living Section event: we are confident that having done so, you will then be attending others.

We continue working to provide two events each month, with events already at various stages of progression and finalization to April 2025 and beyond.



Click here:

- For information on the Section and our previous Events
- To join the Section by completing your application.

Or visit the Active Living Section website at:

www.britishclubbangkok.org/active-living-section/

(Just keep clicking on the posters to delve deeper for information, photographs, and more)

Section Future Events:

Khmer Warfighting
Mysteries surrounding the fall of Ankor

A talk by Dr. Paul T. Carter

Date: Thursday 9th January
Time: 1140 for 1200
Cost: 4008 (section members), 4508 (club members), 5008 (guests). includes lunch.

Interested? Come and join us! All Welcome.
Contact Terry Adams 081 750 1087
terry.adamsbkk@gmail.com

AGM & 2nd Year Thank You Party

Drinks - Canapes - Raffle Draw

Date: 23rd January 2025
Time: 1800 (AGM) followed by the Party
Cost: FREE

Members may bring a guest

Come and join us!
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EVENT REPORT:

Day Trip to the West of Bangkok: 27th November 2024

Departing the Club at 08.30 am and heading West on our nearly new 24 seater minibus whilst making good speed against the hoards entering the City, made us realise just how big Bangkok really is ... and just how much we were going to enjoy the greenery of the countryside that we would soon be seeing.

After a one hour journey we entered the lovely grounds of the comparatively new (1977) Wat Tha Mai, located on the banks of the meandering Tha Chin River. The first sighting following our stepping off the minibus, was a strongly secure metal fence surrounding a pool and mud banks that was home to a large number of crocodiles of various sizes, some taking in the clean air and others just swimming around. Their presence, one suspects, is for attracting visitors and thus donations rather than the more usual spiritual representation of ‘guardianship’ rather



than as a visual reminder of nature's impermanence and the dangers of clinging to material or worldly things, as aligning with Buddhist teachings! The temple made spectacular viewing and visiting with its many and varied ubsots, viharns, and statues, amongst lovely and well-tended gardens and vegetation.

We then undertook a 45 minute journey to the Woodland Museum & Resort, also located on the banks of the Tha Chin River, and were free to wander in the over 140 rai (224,000sqm +) of land filled with so many large and old trees and shrubbery making a breathtaking vista as we explored the more than 2,000 wood carvings and sculptured art forms. These had been passed down and added to by successive generations of the Thiwpingam Family for over 150 years. Truly 'the land of great and amazing wood', this museum located in nature, with so much variety on view in the stunning and so well laid out exhibit halls, was stunning ... and the exhibited pieces were as beautiful as they were intricate. Many of our travelers said that they would be taking their future overseas visitors to enjoy this amazing and under reported museum!

Having reserved a long table riverside at the Resort's restaurant and pre-ordered our food choice menu, we thoroughly enjoyed the numerous and very tasty Thai food dishes served to us. As is usual on our Day Trip Lunches, the camaraderie made for a very relaxed and enjoyable occasion in great company in a fantastic location!

But it was time to move on with a 30 minute drive to The Thai Film Archive Museum, under the Department of Fine Arts so a Public Organization. The Museum is a cultural institution dedicated to preserving, restoring, and showcasing the history of Thai cinema, and is a treasure trove for movie enthusiasts and those interested in Thailand's cinematic heritage. We were very enthusiastically welcomed by the (compared to us) young museum staff, watched a mandatory museum introduction movie, before being shown into a room that set out a timeline from when 'film' reached Thailand from France in 1897 through to current days. Then out into the courtyard dotted with figurine statues. Visits were made to the exhibitions in a number of buildings before we walked over the Thai version of the



“Footprints of Fame”, footprints (and sometimes handprints) of notable film industry figures that are preserved in concrete floor tiles, along with their names and achievements. These tiles symbolise their lasting legacy in Thai cinema. This took us to the main 6 story modern headquarters building, and up to the 3rd floor where there were exhibits that showed the depiction of all the processes in film-making from budget preparation through to the final cutting/editing of the finished version and the subsequent processes to derive the final film reels. Exhibits from stage sets to cameras on long poles to film processing equipment from bygone years, were all so very well displayed.

Returning to the courtyard, we made a last visit to the old WWII Japanese steam train and its carriage that was built and laid out to house and operate railway focused moving train scenes in a number of early Thai movies, before we boarded the bus and journeyed back to the Club. The overall opinion was that this was an exceptional and very ‘quirky’ must see museum, and that, with the earlier two visits, made this an unexpected and highly interesting and enjoyable day trip!

OUR NEXT EVENT:

Khmer Warfighting: The mystery surrounding the fall of Ankor: Thursday, 9th January 2025

In its heyday between the 11th and 13th centuries, the Khmer Empire encompassed much of what is now Cambodia, Thailand, Laos, southern Vietnam, and parts of Myanmar and Malaysia. The Empire’s cultural impact, especially through its monumental architecture such as Angkor Wat and its role in spreading religious and artistic traditions, places it among the most remarkable civilizations of its time. But in 1431, the Ayutthaya based Siamese King Borommachathirat II invaded Ankor and sacked the city thus destroying the Khmer Empire, although its cultural and architectural legacy endured.

Military Historian Dr Paul Carter will explain why and how the dominant but declining Khmer Empire with its heart in Angkor, was defeated.

BRIDGE SECTION



The Bridge Section plays Duplicate Bridge every Sunday (except the last Sunday of each month), game play starting 2pm sharp. We play at an intermediate level, and we enjoy a friendly but competitive game. Pre-registration is essential to allow us to make preparations for the game and to ensure an adequate number of tables for a fun filled afternoon! If you do not have a partner and given enough notice, we might be able to introduce you to a fellow player. Our regular players are an international and interesting group, and we always welcome new players hoping that you will make your Sunday afternoon a regular Bridge afternoon at the British Club. If you are new to Bangkok, this is a super way to get to know the very active Bridge scene in the city. One has to start somewhere, so why not a friendly Sunday Bridge game! We look forward to welcoming you.



In November we hosted our biannual tournament, Tower Bridge, and it was a huge success! Seats were in high demand, so much so that in the end we had a full house! Everyone had a great afternoon of Bridge, with some very unusual suit distributions which made it extremely tricky even for experienced players to bid to the optimal contract. We enjoyed a delicious post game buffet dinner with all the usual British favourites. The fish and chips was a particular favourite of the players. A huge thank you to Winlock, our organiser, for all his hard work making this event happen. Also, thank you to our friends & fellow players who helped with various aspects of the organisation. Everyone is keenly awaiting the next tournament, London Bridge, which is tentatively scheduled for February 2025.



Congratulations to the winners!



Becky Adderley



BRITISH CLUB GOLF

The British Club Golf Section monthly medal was held at Subhapruek on the Sunday 9th November, with 18 players turning out to a fine sunny day, perhaps slightly cooler, but not down to our winter temperatures yet.

The ‘Moments of Excellence’ were:

Near pins – **Tim Stray (twice), Pater Clark and Ian Brewis**

Men’s long drive – **Doug Angus**

Ladies long drive – **Paweena Baothong**

Long putts – **Terry Davies and Ian Brewis**

The award for the most birdies went to Andrew Stray with two and he also won the most improved from front nine to back nine. This last award must be a record as far as the society is concerned because Andrew improved by 18 shots on the back nine. I think he must have been ready to throw his clubs in the lake by the end of the front nine but luckily persevered and managed a fantastic score on the last nine holes.

In Flight A, Tim Stray came in third place with a net 76. In second place was Frank Fawkes with a net 75 and winning Flight A and a bottle of wine was Varghese Rose. Varghese was very happy especially when he declared that this win was the first in nearly two years.

In Flight B, Penny Booth came in third place with a net 83. In second place was John Virtue with a net 80 and winning Flight B and a bottle of wine for the second month in a row was Paweena Baothong.

Congratulations to both of our winners!

Alongside the medal competition there was also two quarter final match play competitions being played. The first one was between Varghese Rose and Penny Booth and the second one between Tim Stray and Ian Brewis. In the first match play, Varghese was victorious and in the second match play Tim was victorious. Congratulations to both winners and they will now progress to the semi-finals of the competition.

On the weekend of the 30th November and the 1st December the Club Championships were held at Palm Hills Golf Club in Hua Hin. This is an annual medal competition and 17 of our members took part.



The Thai winter definitely made an appearance this weekend and there was a lovely cool breeze throughout both days. This sometimes had an impact on the difficulty of the long fairway shots, particularly if the ball was played high in the air. The golf course was in generally very good condition, especially the fairways which were wide, green and very well maintained. The greens were very tricky though and challenged many of our players – there were a number of three putts (or even more!!) because of the slopes and speed of the greens. This was where many of the handicaps were compromised.



▲ Pictured left to right – Varghese Rose and Paweena Baothong

We all enjoyed teeing off on hole number 1



The 'Moments of Excellence' were:

DAY 1

Near pins – **Martin Finn (2), Mark Adderley and Becky Adderley**

Men's Long Drive – **Ian Brewis**

Ladies Long Drive – **Becky Adderley**

Long Putts – **Penny Booth (2)**

DAY 2

Near Pins – **Neil Davies, Angkana Nilkumnerd, Yurachatr Brook, Paul Wyatt, Doug Angus and Varghese Rose**

Men's Long Drive – **Doug Angus**

Ladies Long Drive – **Angkana Nilkumnerd**

Long Putts – **Brian Brook and Penny Booth**

The most number of birdies was Martin Finn with 2

The most improved front nine to back nine on day 1 was Yurachatr Brook with an improvement of 9 shots. On day 2 it was Varghese Rose with an improvement of 8 shots. Over the two days the most improved was Ian Brewis with an improvement of 12 shots.

On Day 1, the winner of the lowest net score was Brian Brook and on Day 2 it was Ian Brewis. Both these players won a bottle of wine each.



Over the two days, the runner up of the men's net competition was Paul Wyatt and the runner up of the ladies net competition was Becky Adderley. Both players won a bottle of wine each.



The winner of the men's low net competition was Chris Brader and the winner of the ladies low net competition was Penny Booth. Both players won a bottle of wine and a trophy.

Huge congratulations to our new Club Champions and the winners of the men's and ladies low gross competition - Doug Angus and Angkana Nilkumnerd respectively. They both won a bottle of wine each and a trophy.



Over the two days the runner up of the men's gross competition was Mark Adderley and the runner up of the ladies gross competition was Yurachatr Brook. Both players won a bottle of wine each.

On the Saturday evening we all had a wonderful fixed menu meal at Lo Stivale Italian restaurant in Hua Hin. This has become quite a tradition as we all like to begin the evening with a cocktail in Mai Thai and then make our way over the road to the restaurant.



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Damon Wake

HARD BALLS

The cricket section got back into action with a bang after the disappointment of the previous month's washout, with three matches over two weekends bringing strong performances but mixed results.

BC Pavilionaires (146/8) lost to Siam CC (150/1) by nine wickets - RBSC T20 Invitational

The Pavilionaires under skipper Ed Khan opened the account with their first match in the new RBSC T20 invitational tournament, putting in a decent showing with the bat but going down to some big hitting from Siam CC.

With a few regulars unavailable, it was a slightly unfamiliar XI that took the field at the Polo club, but BC stalwart Mak did his old man the skipper proud, starting the innings with a typically fiery 24 off just 13 balls.

With contributions from Karthik (14) and guest batter Nawaz Khan, who hit two sixes on his way to a 25-ball 40 – the retirement score in the new tournament – BC piled up a respectable 146 off 20 overs.

Dilip got the attack off to a good start, removing the Siam captain with the second ball of the innings. But the excitement was short-lived as the oppo piled into the runs, with two of their batsmen reaching 40 and retirement at well over a run a ball, and their final pair stepping on the gas even more as they raced to the target with three overs to spare.

Not the start to the new tournament we wanted, but still a pleasure to play in central Bangkok, and we look to build from here.



▲ And now a word from our sponsors



▲ Dale and Ed prepare for battle



▲ Chef explains breakfast

British Club (98/2, Mak 46*) beat AIT (96, Tyrone 4-23) by eight wickets - BCL A Division

Spin twins Tyrone and Avi led the way as BC got the BCL Division A campaign off to a flying start with a thumping win over AIT.

Giddy with the excitement of winning the toss for once, Pramodh completely lost his head and abandoned all his years of caution by asking AIT to bat first on a pitch looking cracked from the outset.

The skipper followed up his bold choice by sending the first ball of the innings skittering for five wides, before a fabulous one-handed diving catch at midwicket by Tyrone settled the nerves. AIT bedded in for a few overs of patient consolidation, but carnage was unleashed once Pramodh got the wing-loving South African tweeker bowling in harness with Avi, the pair ripping the heart out of the AIT batting.

In the space of six overs, the hosts collapsed from 48/1 to 80/7 as Tyrone claimed four and Avi two. After warming up in the captain's direction for the entire innings, Dale finally got an over and cleaned up the tail in tandem with Dilip. Credit to the AIT captain, who had the honour of carrying his bat for 40* – almost half of his side's total of 96.

Chasing a low total on a pitch with life in it can be a tricky task, and after losing his opening partner Ben cheaply, Mak settled himself to a patient chase, keeping the scoreboard ticking and waiting for mistakes to accumulate 46* off 45 balls.

AIT tried seven different bowlers to little avail as Mak put on 36 with Avi and another 48 with Tyrone as BC reached the target with almost eight overs to spare.



▲ Tyrone claims the MOTM award



▲ Another good performance in the field



▲ A bowl-first pitch, apparently

British Club (96) lost to Bangkok Blues (168, Dilip 3-27) by 72 runs

After the crushing win over AIT, a crashing return to earth for BC as Bangkok Blues proved too strong.

Back at the AIT ground, Blues made the most of winning the toss and batting, racing to 100 without loss after just over 12 overs. Their openers put on 112 before Tyrone gave BC a glimmer of hope, fizzing one from outside off stump to clip the top of leg.

Ten overs of tight, disciplined bowling followed as BC fought back into a match that had been threatening to slip away. Blues lost nine wickets for just 54 as Dilip led the attack with three wickets for a frugal 27 while Pramodh and Avi contributed a brace each and young John marked his birthday with the final wicket of the innings. We wish him many happy returns of the occasion.

The target of 169 in 25 overs looked achievable, but Blues had other ideas, bowling tight lines and giving little away. Tyrone grafted hard for his 27 but BC soon fell off the required rate as wickets fell regularly at the other end, and we were well adrift by the end.

A disappointing result, but fortunately one that could be dissected in detail at the Pond, the newly-beloved BC watering hole attached to AIT golf club. We look for more and better in the New Year.



▲ Elite sportsmen ponder their sausage choices



Sunil Mehra

TENNIS

GOOD BYE 2024 and HELLO 2025. Wishing all a very Happy, Healthy, Peaceful New Year

There is tone of hope in the undertow of that heading. 2024 was a great year for many reasons in case you missed these happenings for Thailand, (a) On 10th January dinosaur *footprints* dating from between 220 to 225 million years ago were discovered in Phetchabun province, although it is not clear which directions they were heading! (b) On 2nd February UNESCO certified *Songkran* on humanity's intangible cultural heritage list (I assume that means you can't see it); and in case that was not enough, on 4th December UNESCO added tom yum kung to its intangible cultural heritage list. Now that is a joke, how can something so spicy and yummy (where 'yum' comes from) be called 'intangible'. It was also a leap year so that our years are synchronized with astronomical seasons giving it heavenly prominence; and so with help from Wikipedia¹ I tried to 'certify' intangibly '2024' as a great year.

Not everyone agrees, the rest of humanity, or more precisely, the very smart tennis playing personalities at the our Club, decided that the year needed a real 'kick' and so an extraordinary plot was hatched to organise the greatest concert and party ever to be held on the green grass of home. The reality was even more fabulous, the music by Pitchaya Klimov (Plang) and Well Disayanon Kaljaruek (Mr D.) and other musicians was divine; and thus all the stars descended to earth on this one evening in December 2024. See for yourself.

AN EVENING TO REMEMBER FOR Y-EARS



¹ [2024 in Thailand - Wikipedia](#)



The Business

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March 15	Mix Doubles InterClub - Pyramid	Nov 1-8	WTA Finals
March 22	BCB Tennis Championships Finals	Nov 8-17	Nitto ATP Finals
May 25-Jun 9	French Open	Nov 16-22	Next Gen ATP Finals
June 30-Jul 13	Wimbledon Championships	Nov 2025	Davis Cup Finals
July 13	BCB Womble Cup		

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